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TOPIC Pinow Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Thirty-eight jet fighters, 26 single-engine fighters, 12 biplanes and one twin-engine transport were counted at the Pinow (N 53/V 08) airfield between 9 a.m. and noon on 14 May 1950. An estimated 20 to 25 additional conventional fighters could not be counted because they were haphazardly parked. When flying was heavy, a radio truck with a rod antenna, and a table at which four Soviet officers were seated, were at the take-off point. The waving of a red flag was the take-off signal for the planes.

2. There was intensive flying, including formation flights with jet fighters, at the field between 6 and 14 May 1950.

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A sentry with a dog was seen in the northeastern and the southeastern corner of the field.

3. A fuel dump was seen on the northern edge of the field on 19 May 1950. Four railroad tank cars on the railroad spur track near the dump were being emptied by five soldiers. The fuel was put into the stone cantonment building by means of a hose. (2)

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4. On 20 May 1950 30 jet fighters with swept back wings, 16 single-engine fighters, 6 U-2 biplanes, and 2 twin-engine transports were seen at the airfield. (3) The total occupation of the field could not be determined. Ambulances

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seen near the field.

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5. The air exhaust of the jet fighters was covered with a red flap. One single-engine fighter had an in-line engine. Some of the jet fighters were painted silver, others dark green. Three interconnected radio cabins were east of the field. (4) A railway bed without rails was along the road to Biesenthal (N 53/Z 97). Several small searchlights were set up on the eastern edge of the field. Most of the airfield personnel were quartered in a section which was fenced-off in the southern part of Finow.

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[ ] Comments.

- (1) [ ] units of the fighter division whose component regiments are stationed in Finow and Oranienburg.

- (2) The fuel dump is reported for the first time. There may possibly be a pump in the cantonment building. For location see Annex.

- (3) [ ] confirm the occupation of the Finow airfield by fighter units equipped with Yak-9s and jet planes of type 14. According to previous observations a total of about 50 jet planes are stationed at the field. [ ]

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- [ ] the field was occupied by two fighter regiments. The presence of a proportionately large number of biplanes, possibly PO-2s, and of one transport can possibly be explained by the presence of a fighter division headquarters in Finow. [ ]

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- (4) The presence of a radio station, presumably a DF station, east of the field, about in line with the expanded runway, was confirmed [ ] [ ]

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1. Annex : Finow Airfield.

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